

MILLSTREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Best of Luck to all students in State Exams in June!



TY Dublin Trip

This year's Dublin trip was again hectic, packed with cultural and historic visits, starting with the museum in Croke Park. This was followed by a very educational (and a very cold) tour of Glasnevin Cemetery. That night we checked into the Bonnington Hotel with dinner at Joel's Restaurant. Night one concluded with the Kylemore Indoor Karting Track, which saw Dan Crowley win out the overall race. Early next morning, all set off for Belfast. First stop was the Crumlin Road Gaol, followed by the Titanic Centre and a sight seeing tour of Belfast city. Next morning started with Dublin Castle, State Apartments and Mountjoy Prison followed by a guided tour of the Dáil and Seanad with Andreas Moynihan T.D., thus ending a memorable trip.

Paris Trip 2018

Fifth Year tourists departed for their cultural tour of the City of Lights in March. Day one was the guided bus tour of Paris, the Champs Elysées and Arc de Triomphe, Stade de France and Montparnasse, the second largest tower in France. Day two we went to Disneyland, Paris. Entering Disneyland was like entering another world. Then it was time for shopping at Val d'Europe. Day three was the Palace of Versailles and a boat trip of Paris on the River Seine. Day four, final day, the group visited Montmartre and Sacre Coeur Cathedral and saw the street artists at work. Then off we went to the airport for the short flight home.



Development Education in MCS

The T.Y. Dev. Ed. Group identified a number of changes that could improve sustainability in the school community and environment. They immediately set about organising activities to bring these about. Areas included sorting and recycling waste and setting up awareness – raising events about the importance of recycling. This led to a visit from guest Speaker, Angela Nagle, who explained the processes behind recycling; the installation of new recycling bins with increased visibility to reduce contamination; regular announcements to raise awareness of recycling and organising a “Wear Your Waste” fashion show. This was hosted in the school by the group, who invited local Primary and Secondary schools to take part. With over thirty entries, it was a great evening. (*See school website for photos.*) On International Women’s Day a talk was held in the library to mark the importance of gender equality, with an exhibition on inspirational women throughout history. The annual Language and Culture Night was again a fantastic celebration of cultural diversity in MCS with song, dance, music, costume, poetry and food from all cultures represented in the school. This was featured on TG4 news – *find link on school website.*



Angie Nagle, speaker on recycling, with First Years, front Jason Carroll, Daniel Kelleher and Noman Malik; Back: Alannah Lee, Isabel Sibanda and Lauren Kelleher.

Student Council

The Student Council addressed a number of issues and initiatives this year including heating, uniform and the canteen. New ideas in these areas will lead to some changes in coming months. The Council also looked at ipad use and book rental. The 5th Years on the Student Council took on the responsibility of getting new soccer jerseys which were kindly sponsored by Centra. A meeting was held between the Parents’ Advisory Committee and the Student Council during the year. Several issues within the school were discussed. The Student Council Parents’ Advisory Committee then decided to hold a “Non Uniform Day”. The aim of the “Non Uniform Day” was to raise money for Marymount Hospice.

A cheque of €698.50 was presented to Fiona Kelleher who visited the school on behalf of Marymount.



Representatives of the Parent Council, Student Council and Marymount Hospice. Back Row: Máire Quinn, Linda Linehan, Denise Canty, Pamela Brophy, Caoimhe O’Leary, Eimear Corcoran, Christopher Kelleher, Evan O’Sullivan and Fionán Buckley. Front Row: Barry Fraser, Fiona Kelleher, Emma Kelleher, Ciara Fitzgerald and Pat Pigott.

Victory for 16 Footballers

Mr Breen's under 16's recorded a resounding win over North Mon in Mallow on May 14th and delivered the County title to the school after an impressive campaign.

Millstreet began well and established a good lead early on, helped by a Dylan Sheehan goal from long range and a great point from Luke O'Donoghue after an individual run. This created daylight between the sides at half time, with Millstreet up by 1-9 to 1-3. A Darragh Cashman break then led to a Dylan Downey goal, and the same man found the net moments later, fielding a sideline and dispatching it to the net. Solid displays at full back from Colin Murphy and in goal from Daniel Hartnett saw the menacing opposition attack largely neutralised. Scorers: D. Downey 2-2; D. Sheehan 1-5; B. Murphy 0-5; L.O'Donoghue 0-1. **Final score: Millstreet 3-13, North Mon 1-3.**

The campaign opened with a win against Ballingearry, in St John's Pitch, running out 3-12 to 2-7 winners. They next faced Mayfield in the Parc Uí Chaoimh AstroTurf facility and took control early in the game, with a flurry of

early goals putting the result beyond doubt. The semi-final against Crosshaven in Ballinacollig ended 3-11 to 0-5.

Panel: Daniel Hartnett, James Buckley, Daniel Buckley, Omar Daly, Luke O'Donoghue, Donagh Murphy, Darragh Cashman, Eoin Guiney, Darren Kiely, Dylan Downey, Dylan Kelleher, Darragh O'Riordan, Patrick Cronin, Harry Linehan, Diarmuid Cronin, Barry Murphy, Diarmuid Moynihan, Evan O'Sullivan, Cathal O'Sullivan, Adam McGroary, Finn Radamm, Ian Buckley, Jack Hanover, Joyce Sibanda, Adrian McCarron, Evan Murphy, Eoin Sheahan, Dylan Sheehan, Colin Murphy.

T.Y. Activities— T.Y. had a hectic year including S.V.P. Talk, World Wide Global Schools, Clara Climb, K.D.Y.S. Leadership, TY/1st Year Blitz , G.A.A. Coaching, Outdoor Pursuits-West Cork , Cookery Competition, Mini-Company, First Aid, Drive For Life, Talk from Séan Kelly, M.E.P. , West Cork Music Recital, 'Zip It' , Golf , Work Experience, Suicide Talk, Eagles Flight Development, School Play, Advent Liturgies, Hospital Visiting, B.T. Young Scientists, Law & You, Cake Sale (S.V.P.), Dublin Trip, Health & Fitness Ireland, I.R.D. Talk on International Women's Day, Gerry Hussey Talk on Wellbeing, M.O.G. Car, Trócaire Cluster Event, Bridge Building, Trip to Arbutus Bakery, Migration Workshop, Loft Fitness, Bank Roadshow, Trip to Buffalo Farm, S.V.P. Exhibition, Clayton Hotel, WWGS Annual Conference, Wear Your Waste, Teen Talk Healthy Eating, Talk on Conservation, Language and Culture Night, Nutrition Talk, Graduation Night as well as all academic subjects – a year of great variety and something for everyone!

Maths Quiz

Congratulations to Tomás Cronin, Chris Morley, Éanna O'Mahony, Alex Ducey, Conor Casey and Anna Moynihan who participated in the Irish Junior Maths Competition finals in I.T.T. All did very well, with Tomás Cronin obtaining first place and Conor Casey placing second in the Regional Finals. Tomás' and Conor's results now rank them in All-Ireland positions of 35th and 52nd respectively. Well done to all.



Victorious u-16 team

SVP Project

TY Group 2 researched the causes of homelessness and the effects of homelessness on children and looked at the agencies that help, such as Focus Ireland, SVP and the Peter McVerry Trust. They calculated the percentage of homeless people in each county and presented these on a map of Ireland.

They held a fundraiser in January, baking and selling cakes at 11 o'clock and again at lunchtime. They raised €205. The cheque was presented to Mr John Warren, the Youth Development Officer with SVP and he forwarded it to Vincent's hostel in Anglesea Street, Cork, to support homelessness. The project

was presented to 2nd years in their S.P.H.E. class. The group then attended the SVP School Project Awards in the Clayton Silver Springs Hotel where 25 schools presented their projects. They were presented with a Certificate of Achievement.



Lourdes Volunteers 2018

Fifth Year students Grace O'Connor, Aoife O'Riordan, Denise Healy and Ciara Manning travelled to Lourdes as volunteer carers over Easter. This involved spending a week as a pilgrim in Lourdes. The girls were amazed at the spirit of the group and the tremendous fun that is central to the pilgrimage, from football games and fancy dress parties to the Masses and services. The girls said you feel a solidarity and closeness as a group in a way they had not seen before. "It is just such a special place and it has made a life-long impression", said Ciara, who hopes, like the others, to return.



Denise and Grace
at the fancy dress

Ciara and Aoife at the candlelight
procession

Une excursion au ciné

Le 7 mars, les étudiants du cinquième année ont allés au ciné à Cork, pendant le Festival du Film Français. Ils ont vu le film "Le Voyage de Fanny", un film, à la fois, émouvant et amusant. C'était une très bonne expérience et tous les élèves se sont vraiment bien amusés.

On the 7th of March the 5th Year students went to the cinema in Cork during the French Film Festival. They saw the film "Fanny's Journey", a film which was both moving and enjoyable. It was a great experience and all the students enjoyed themselves.

Careers - MCS Careers had a busy year with visits to UCC, UL, CIT, Tralee IT, Mary I, LIT, NUIG, and Waterford IT, as well as the Defence Forces. Speakers also visited MCS and set up lunchtime stands to allow for individual questions. MCS also hosted the Engineering Roadshow where other schools came to an exhibition on the STEM career choices. PLC (Post Leaving Certificate) colleges were invited to come to MCS, including The College of Commerce Cork, Mallow College of Further Education and McEgan College, Macroom. Preparatory interview questions were provided for students who were called to a PLC interview. Apprenticeship application forms were provided to the students as well as all other upcoming events. Through LCVP, most students did a career investigation, helping to research areas of interest. All students who were eligible for DARE, HEAR and NUI Exemptions were notified and each process was addressed. Just a reminder that **CAO Change of Mind will remain open until July 1st for all applicants**. Best of luck to all in the state exams and we wish all L.C. students success and happiness in their future career choices.